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Boys'
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4-H Club Leader

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WE REMEMBER RUFUS STANLEY

For 21 Aprils the U. S. Department of Agriculture has welcomed a significant little party of visitors, a gentleman who believed that any boy or girl can achieve success, and with him a group of boys and girls who under his guidance had proved the soundness of this belief. He was Rufus Stanley, with his "achievement" club members from Chenung County, N. Y., - a man who spent more than 40 happy years in helping boys and girls to get ready for a workaday world.

April and its blossoms come to Washington again, but Rufus Stanley will come no more. May we not fittingly recall this well-beloved leader's understanding and faith in boys and girls, and, remembering, take fresh courage for our task to the end that no boy or girl may be denied an opportunity to achieve his full measure of success.

OBJECTIVES IN CLUB WORK

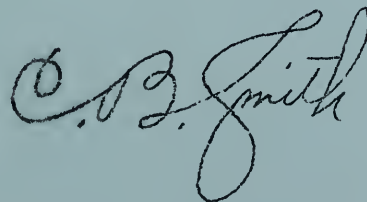
The broad purpose of the Smith-Lever Act under which boys' and girls' club work is largely organized is to diffuse among the people of the United States useful and practical information on agriculture and home economics and to encourage the application of the same.

This, likewise, is the immediate purpose of boys' and girls' 4-H club work--the improvement of agricultural and home-economics practices in the United States.

Coincident with this work, however, and flowing from it, is the creation in boys and girls of satisfaction and pride in rural life, the development of a cooperative and altruistic spirit and a broadened vision of life. The club meeting, the club program, the club demonstration, the recreational and social features of club work, the contact with outstanding men and women, the accomplishment of worth-while things, all tend to the development of boys and girls themselves.

These additional results or objectives of boys' and girls' club work may be considered even more important than the immediate objectives cited above, of improving agriculture and home economics. They are brought about, however, through doing these worth-while tasks in agriculture and home economics which benefit both the individual and the community and constitute a part of the extension program being developed in the community.

It is probable that Congressman Lever had these broader aspects of club work in mind when he stated, in introducing the bill, that: "If rural life is to be readjusted and agriculture dignified as a profession as it should be and is, the country boy and girl must be made to know in the most positive way that successful agriculture requires as much brain as does any other occupation in life. The whole trend of our system of education is calculated to minimize agriculture as a profession. Its logical tendency is to create a feeling of dissatisfaction with farm life and an ambition to get away from it. Such a situation is unfortunate; it is most dangerous. The farm boy and girl can be taught that agriculture is the oldest and most dignified of the professions. Your committee believes that one of the main features of this bill is that it is so flexible as to provide for the inauguration of a system of itinerant teaching for boys and girls."



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June 16 - 22, 1927
Farm Boys' and Girls' National 4-H
Club Camp



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From South Dakota. Warren Johnson, Lawrence County. Six years a club member - grows sheep successfully and shows his fellow club members how to excel in the sheep industry.

Julius Feyerisen, Codington County. Ten years' club record - practices and promotes prize-winning pork production.

Sallie Wilhelm, Faulk County. Healthiest club girl of South Dakota in 1926. Four years of canning, baking, sewing, coaching champions.

Bertha Hilmes, Minnehaha County. Nine club years in canning, sewing, cooking - organized and leads club of younger girls.



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From Mississippi. Gladiola Branscome, Montgomery County. Three years of gardening, canning, foods, sewing - organizes clubs - club president - county newspaper correspondent.

Nonie D. Talbert, Lauderdale County. Canning, poultry raising, dairying, home improvement - club president - teaches basketry.

John Ora Cook, jr. Noxubee County. Four years' club experience - raises purebred pigs - gets others to raise them - secretary and president of club.

Clarence Posey, Neshoba County. Club member five years - fed pigs and poultry - has man-sized business - club president.



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From Texas. Fontilla Johnson, Van Zandt County. Three years of gardening, canning, cooking, sewing, home beautification, dairying, poultry raising - club president.

Ruth Ebner, Jefferson County. Four years' club experience - sewing, cooking, home management, poultry, room improvement - club president - leads yells, games, sports.

Homer Sheffield, Harris County. Club member five years - gardening, poultry, cotton, peanuts, corn, calf and pig feeding - organizes and leads clubs - club president - chairman State club meeting.

I. J. Thornton, Lubbock County. Three years a club member - baby beeves, pigs, dairying, cotton, milo maize - pure seed producer.

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From Vermont. Ruth James, Addison County. Seven years in club work - member State 4-H honorary society.

Irma Barber, Rutland County. Seven years a club member - leads other clubs.

Hiel Reed, Bennington County. State champion in dairy club work - 6 years' club experience - his work makes club in community possible.

Murray Plumb, Windsor County. Club member several years - leader 2 years - member State 4-H honorary society.



From Maryland. Gladys Bull, Worcester County. Seven club years in poultry, foods, clothing, home furnishing - All-Star Circle member - club reporter.

Mildred Tucker, Harford County. Six years a club member - sewing, canning, baking, hot school lunch supervisor - club leader - associate editor club newspaper.



From Rhode Island. Eloise A. Saunders, Washington County. State poultry club champion - secretary of club - has high-producing poultry flock.

Anita Demuth, Providence County. Club president - clothing expert.

Sheffield Greene, jr., Washington County. State dairy club champion - Holstein records.

John J. Flanagan, jr., Washington County. President of poultry club - flock makes high record in production.



From Virginia. Susan Dickinson, Spotsylvania County. Club member five years - experienced dairyman - "All Star" member - club president, secretary, reporter.

Opal Curtis, Fairfax County. Four years' experience in bread making, canning, clothing, room improvement, school lunch - "All Star" member - president of club - president of county 4-H council.

Jack Latture, Washington County. Four years a club member - poultryman and judge - "All Star" member.

Edwin Givens, Giles County. Club member three years - charter member and first president of club - raises pigs, baby beef, poultry - "All Star" member - president State club organization.

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From Minnesota. Alice Landro, Norman County. Eight years' club work - experienced stockwoman - third in judging at 1926 National Dairy Show - organizes and leads clubs in county with no extension agent.

Irene Haseman, Watonwan County. Six years' club experience - sewing, room improvement, dairying, showmanship - club leader.

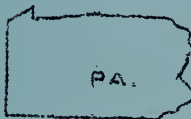
Walter Blakeslee, Fillmore County. Club member 3 years - dairying, corn growing - club leader.

Arvid H. Spanberg, Waseca County. President of first club in county - stockman - organizes and leads 100-per-cent-finish clubs.



From South Carolina. Ruth Morgan, Pickens County. Five years a club member - has attended every meeting of her club - held all club offices.

Mary Sue Holcombe, Union County. Six years' experience in sewing, cooking, room improvement, poultry, health work. Club secretary.



From Pennsylvania. Katherine Wheeler, Luzerne County. Four years' experience in sewing, food selection, and preparation - helped start club work in her community.

Grace Thomas, Wayne County. Club member three years - clothing - leads club.

James Loudenslager, Lycoming County. Three years a club member - potato grower - helped establish use of disease-free seed and spraying in community.

Walter Straw, Clearfield County. Three years' club experience - grows disease-free potatoes - organizes and leads clubs.



From New Jersey. Eileen Diggles, Ocean County. Four years' experience in clothing, home management - leads club.

Sara Sloyer, Warren County. In club work five years - home management, foods, clothing.

John Tindall, Mercer County. Dairying - keeps herd records - charter member Yardville Junior Dairy Club - secretary.

Austin Runkle, Hunterdon County. Three years in club work - dairying, judging, and showmanship - club secretary.

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From North Carolina. Lela Paul, Beaufort County. Four years' experience in club work - club president.

Augusta Raymond, Hertford County. A club member three years.

Elton Whitley, Stanly County. Demonstrates how to raise pigs, pasture corn.

Aaron Peele, Wayne County. Grows corn, cotton, pigs, bees.

From Ohio

Isabel Nye, Ashtabula County.
Julia Mae Roser, Auglaize County.
Harold Judy, Montgomery County.
Carl Anthony, Hocking County.

From Illinois

Helen Wait, Rock Island County.
Minnie Basting, McLean County.

From Tennessee

Lucile Self, Greene County.
Alzada Davenport, Hamilton County.

From Florida

Viola Yates, Hillsborough County.
Vivian Shepard, Palm Beach County.

WELL LOOKED AFTER The folks back home may like to know, Camp Director George Farrell feels, that the young people coming to the camp will be well looked after. The American Red Cross, he says, has promised to have a nurse from its staff constantly on duty at the camp. The Public Health Service is detailing one of its physicians to be on hand to rout all aches or pains, should any come to trouble a camper.

But the boys and girls (which includes all State leaders, agents, etc.) will be relieved to know that three times a day meals will be available in three cafeterias not far from the camp limits, - and the cooks, says Madge J. Reese, field agent in home demonstration and club work, Western States, who made the arrangements, know the size of a real camp appetite.

Lots of 4-H'ers like to do a little exploring occasionally on their own. Seasoned explorers coming to the camp in June may wish to make some advance notes to investigate certain curious things suggested on the next page by C. P. Close, extension horticulturist in the Washington office, and by R. A. Turner, in charge club work in the Central States, who is tour master for the camp, on the following page. Attention, notebooks, ready for the next page!

DISTINGUISHED NEIGHBORS

"Club members in the national camp next June will have distinguished and unusual neighbors," says Professor Close, speaking not of people but of trees, shrubs, and flowers. "Many of these neighbors are from Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, and different parts of North America." Professor Close knows these neighbors well enough to call them by their first names and he is making up a list of both their common and "jaw-breaker" names for the campers to use next June in getting acquainted.

"Among the neighbors are the Chinese scholar tree, Japanese flowering cherry, Japanese maples, yellowwood, California incense cedar, magnolia, Japanese snowbell, hardy orange, English maples, boxwood, Pond cypress, yew, Japanese varnish tree, osage orange, and jujube. Boys and girls who live around here eat the nuts of the jujube.

"Do you fish? Bamboo is another neighbor, real bamboo, but not the kind that makes the best fishing rods although it might do for sunfish, minnows, and goldfish. Then there are ginkgo or maidenhair trees here in large numbers. They came from China and Japan. Millions of years ago there were large forests of ginkgo trees and perhaps we are burning some of them now in the form of coal. Their leaves are fan-shaped, looking much as though pine needles had been pasted together to make tiny fans. They also bear nutlike seeds with a soft covering and Oh! how this covering does smell when it is mashed. In China the kernels are eaten for food and Chinese living in Washington sometimes gather the seeds and say they like them.



"Then there is the stump and part of the trunk of a California redwood, about 25 feet across and 40 feet tall. It was brought in pieces from California and put together again here. The inside is hollow and a door in the trunk admits one, that is if one have the proper credentials. Sounds like a "Hollow Tree" story, doesn't it.

"Memorial trees? There are three, an elm planted by the father of Arbor Day, J. S. Morton, when he was Secretary of Agriculture; a willow oak planted by Secretary James Wilson as a memorial to a predecessor, Jeremiah Rusk; and a white oak planted by Secretary Houston in memory of the men in the Department who lost their lives in the world war.

"In the greenhouses above the camp are oranges from the size of a sour cherry to those as large as your fist; the original Washington navel orange tree which is (the mother of millions of navel oranges growing in California); grapefruit just right for breakfast; lemons sour enough to make a pig squeal; banana trees without the bananas; cactus plants of all shapes and sizes and-but you'll want to discover the others, yourself."

LITTLE "PERSONALLY CONDUCTED TOURS" ABOUT WASHINGTON
by "The Tour Master"

TOUR II --- GEORGETOWN

"On our last tour we saw the "Avenue of the Presidents." To-day we are going to Georgetown, established in 1695 and a well known town for many years before the city of Washington existed even on paper. After it was included in the District of Columbia, 1791, the woodland and clay-banked streams between it and Capitol Hill gradually gave place to buildings and what was once a place marked on the maps is now known as "one of the historical sections of Washington."

Some of you are enjoying your trip here because of awards won at your State fair. Let's go over to the Old Union Hotel, favorite stopping place of congressmen in the 1820's, and see the place where in 1809 the first fair in Washington was held. This fair was sponsored by a group of Virginia, Maryland, and District of Columbia gentlemen of that early day prominent in the livestock exhibiting history of our country.

Now, while we are here in Georgetown, let's look at the little old stone house which George Washington used for headquarters while the original survey for the District was being made. That's it on the north side of the Street. Looks like some of the farm homes in France.



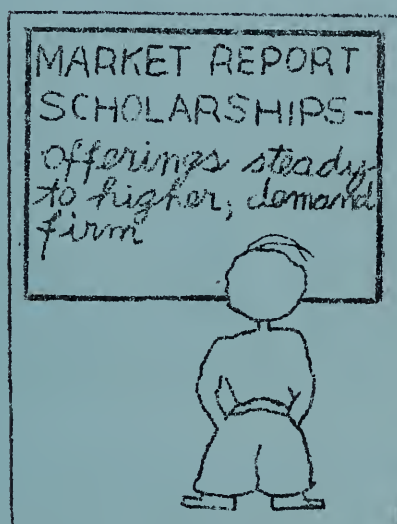
Did you ever see a fence made of gun barrels? Well, here is one built by a man who during the War of 1812 had a claim against the government. Thinking his claim might not be allowed, he simply appropriated a quantity of guns. Later he built that fence. You can see he even put the bayonets in place.

That group of buildings on the hill yonder is a part of Georgetown University, established before the Federal Government came to Washington. If an earthquake should occur almost anywhere in the world to-day it would be recorded by a most delicate instrument in the seismological observatory of the university. Just beyond is Oak Hill Cemetery where rests the body of John Howard Payne, the man who wrote "Home, Sweet Home."

This beautiful bridge across the Potomac River leads to the Lee Highway and through Virginia to the South. It's called the Francis Scott Key Memorial Bridge. Is there anyone who does not remember the song for which that author is famous?

Up the river from here are seven parallel lines of transportation: The Potomac, the canal, the wagon road, the bridle path, the automobile highway, the electric-car line, and the railway, not to mention footpath or the airplane lines. Have you ever seen that combination? But, if we get back to camp in time for lunch, we'll have to be on our way.

EASTERN STATES CONFERENCE State and assistant State club leaders formed one of the sections of the Eastern States Regional Extension Conference, February 23-25, at Boston, Mass. They talked mostly about the local leader, how they could find him, how they could keep him, and what to do with him if they could keep him. We say "him" advisedly, because they agreed it is more difficult to enlist "him" than "her," although "she" came in for discussion, too. They didn't quite solve the problem but feel they made headway. At a joint session of directors, clothing specialists, fruit specialists, and club folks, R. C. Foster of Washington sketched junior extension work - present and future. Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and West Virginia were represented.



Minnesota offerings, ten \$100 scholarships, School of Agriculture, on leadership, are all taken. T.C. Andrews, club member, Montgomery County, N. C., cleaned up Chilean-Nitrate-of-Soda educational bureau scholarship at State College with 322½ bushels of corn from 5 acres in exceptionally dry season. Kansas club members in 22 counties took Union Pacific scholarships at Kansas State Agricultural College. West Virginia B. & O. club boy's scholarship was taken by French Page of Upshur County; girl's by Pauline Hughes of Marion County. West Virginia Jackson's Mill scholarships to older girls' State 4-H camp were awarded to three.

This year's club girls' college scholarships offered by the State fair of Texas were taken by Elsie Hall, Cass County, and Elma Middletown, Brown County, on four years of outstanding gardening, foods, and clothing work and home improvement. The Texas Home Demonstration Association college scholarship went to Golden Evans on three years' foods and clothing record.

Montana offers 95 4-H scholarships from the State board of education, good in any part of the university, and open to club members in any demonstration with as many as 10 club members in the county enrolled in the same project. They require completed work, exhibit, statistical and narrative report, participation in club or community activities, leadership, and influence on community.

The B. & O. Railroad, up to the present time, has awarded a total of 43 college scholarships to club members. Of these 43 club members, 28 have either graduated or are now in college in the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, and Virginia. Twenty-one club members winning B. & O. prizes chose an educational trip instead of a scholarship.

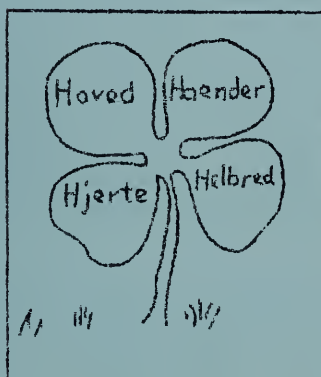
NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK is to be observed this year beginning Sunday, May 1.

The National Music Week Committee, 45 West Forty-fifth Street, New York City, has a collection of printed suggestions and other aids for the week which Director Warburton has arranged to have sent to any of the extension people who wish to write to the New York address for them.

Club members' acquaintance with music is giving them interest in a number of events. Identification of numbers played by local artists in a concert especially arranged for them was a feature enjoyed by Iowa club members at the recent short course. Club members remaining at home also participated where radio service was available.



Kansas club members have a list of 25 musical compositions which, five months from now, they expect to be able to recognize when played and about which they will know interesting facts such as origin and character. Selections played from the list and also talks about them are part of the 4-H club radio program every Wednesday afternoon at 4.30 until the close of the contest in June.



HOVED, HAENDER, HJERTE, AND HELBRED, the boys and girls in Denmark are saying these days as they join the 4-H clubs which are springing up there. Mrs. Ulla Christensen Pedersen of Skansebakken, Viborg, Denmark, is organizing these clubs and introducing some of the features she found in this country where she studied extension work as a representative of her government for several months in 1925. She is working under the "country's committee to aid in development and advancement for young people in Denmark," or in Danish, "Landsudvalget for Landøkonomisk Ungomsarbejde in Denmark." One of the club features Mrs. Pedersen is using is the pledge. As the Danish words for head, hands, heart, and health also begin with the letter "H", their clubs are also "4-H" clubs. How about, eventually, a circle of "4-H smiles" all the way around the globe?

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Alabama - Intersession Course for Club Girls, May 28 to June 3, Auburn.

Arizona - Boys' and Girls' Club Week, week of June 1, Tucson.

Florida - Boys' Short Course, May 30 to June 4, Gainesville.

Girls' Short Course, June 3-11, Tallahassee.

Rhode Island - Camp Edwards, State 4-H Club Camp, June 27 to July 2, Kingston.

Tennessee - District club camps, Columbia, July 4-9; Jackson, July 11-16
State club camp, Knoxville, July 12-23.

Texas - Club members will attend Farmers' Short Course, College Station, July 25-30.

MAINE STARTED SOMETHING In the second issue of the CLUB LEADER the fine completions record which Franklin County, Me., clubs made in 1926 was noted with the question, "Can you beat it?" Now Vermont, Oregon, Montana, Missouri, and Ohio roll up their sleeves and accept the challenge. Vermont speaks for Orleans County which had 20 clubs that finished 100 per cent. Three cheers for Vermont! Montana proffers the record of Big Horn County, 28 clubs and 17 of them hundred-per-centers, adding that 152 of the 344 clubs in the State finished 100 per cent in 1926. Hurrah for the Treasure State! Oregon nominates Lane County with 88 clubs, 83 of which finished 100 per cent while the county percentage was 96.8. Hats off to Oregon!

Buchanan County, and goes back a year to "In 1925 there were 193 Buchanan County. Two members failed to finish, making a and 24 clubs finishing 100 per cent. In 1926 there were 229 club members enrolled in 26 clubs; 220 members, or 96 per cent, completed; and there were 22 100-per-cent clubs. For the three years previous to 1926, Buchanan County held first place in the State percentage of completions. In 1924 we won first place in the State 4-H club contest based on the best quality of club work." We'll say Buchanan County is on the map!

Montgomery County, Ohio, steps out with a four-year record. In 1923 there were 34 of the 37 clubs in the county completing 100 per cent; the next year 46 out of 48 clubs finished to a man; 1925 saw 41 out of 44 with a 100 per cent record. In 1926 there were 48 clubs and 45 of them made the 100-per-cent completion goal. Enrollment for the county was 529 boys and girls, and 98 per cent of them finished the job. Then, continued W. H. Palmer, State club leader, to make the thing sure, here's Highland County where 28 clubs finished 100 per cent, 7 more boast 99 per cent, and of the total enrollment of 506 in the county, the completion record was 96 per cent.

NOW, CAN YOU BEAT THAT? LET US HEAR from you, too.

EXCHANGES The CLUB LEADER welcomes a sprightly sheet, so young it has not yet been named (vol.1, no.1, March, 1927), put out by North Dakota State extension service for the club members of the State.

Other club papers appearing this month in the CLUB LEADER'S mail are: PIERCE COUNTY 4-H CLUB NEWS, county extension office, Ellsworth, Wis.; HOCKING 4-H NEWS, county extension office, Logan, Ohio; SOUTH MISSISSIPPI 4-H CLUB NEWS AND SUGGESTIONS, office of F. J. Hurst, district club agent, Jackson, Miss.; 4-H CLUB NEWS LETTER, Tucson, Ariz., for Arizona club members; and the JUNIOR SHORT COURSE NEWS, which had an exuberant, though short, existence, March 1-4, as the daily newspaper for the annual junior short course at South Dakota State College, Brookings. It was edited by the club members with Edna Bowling of THE FARMER'S WIFE as associate editor.

STEPPING OUT IN THE WORLD

"We have set as our goal to have our club boys ready to enter business for themselves at the age of 21."

Former County Agent B. B. Derrick, Harford Co., Md.



THE EXTENSION COOPERATOR, Arkansas extension workers' newspaper, curious about "the club girl of yesterday," came out in February with a front-page story on what it learned of her in one county. Garland County, says the COOPERATOR, leans backward with pride over all the records. It puffs up smartly about one girl it trained in 4-H club work who taught in the rural schools, married a former club boy, and together they are making their home and farm a demonstration of good practices for the benefit of their community--Mr. and Mrs. Tillman of Bear. Five former club girls of the county hold responsible business positions and 32 teachers in Garland County public schools have been club girls. One of the most enthusiastic local leaders, who has organized home demonstration clubs in two communities in which she has lived, got her first training in a 4-H club. Then there are those who are carrying on their club ventures as business lines on the home farm and others who are demonstrating that 4-H training is an excellent help in "living happily ever after."

While the subject is up, did you know that two former Mississippi club boys, Wilson Lyon and Myers McDougal, were awarded Rhodes scholarships? Both boys attended the University of Mississippi and each was president of the student body during his senior year. Another Mississippi champion 4-H livestock judge, Lewis Henderson, is now editor of the MAGNOLIA FARMER, a farm journal published by the agricultural students of Mississippi A. and M. College.

Curry County, N. Mex., has a rural school-teacher, Annette Bainum, who is bringing back to her community the results of her training in club work and in New Mexico A. and M. College. She has a club which serves hot lunch each day in her school, does her full share of the work of the women's club and is one of the dependables in other community organizations.

Then, not long ago, James Patterson, Rowan County, N. C., was presented with the Southern Railway trophy for producing the 10 best ears of corn in eight Southern States. He got his taste for the pure-seed business whetted in club work and has kept right on growing and saving only the best. He and his brother plan to start in the seed-corn business.

At a luncheon which the Kiwanis Club of Athens, Ga., had at Camp Wilkins with the extension agents assembled for the annual conference, Lois P. Dowdle, State girls' club agent, introduced the county home demonstration agents who were formerly 4-H club girls. There were 9 present: Evelyn Orr, Gordon County; Ora Faith Mitchell, Whitfield County; Deane Bridges, Dekalb County; Lucy Wood, Fulton County; Lizzie Mae Hancock, Ware County; Ruth West, Appling County; Bernice Echols, Laurens County; Emmie Nelson, Richmond County; and Ruth Tabor, Burke County.

A LITTLE OUT ^{of} THE ORDINARY

Each club, in many Kentucky counties, files one copy of its program for the year with the county extension agent, keeping another copy in the club secretary's book.

Women's home demonstration clubs in several Kentucky counties have assumed the responsibility of sponsoring club girls' work in their communities. Certain members act as local leaders for the girls, telling their own clubs about the girls' work at regular intervals. Often the women's clubs offer prizes, raise funds for sending girls to short courses and other trips, and help with club girls' achievement days.

Nebraska club members are to have an opportunity to fatten heifer calves as a club enterprise this year. Competitive exhibits of the fat heifer calves are announced for the next State fair.

Pennsylvania is turning over the idea of a milking contest, to be held perhaps during young farmers' week at the college.

Connecticut College 4-H club is planning to have as guests for a week end during May, club members from each county in the State who expect later to attend college. Arrangements have been made with college authorities to supply meals for the visitors while on the campus, and the college club members will look after the remainder of the entertainment. This is to give the visitors an opportunity to see the college in session.

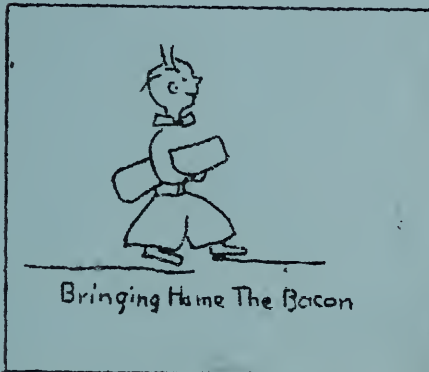
Club boys and girls of Washington, through the cooperation of Washington State College library, may borrow books from it by mail. The only charge is for mailing. More than that, in each issue of the club newspaper, THE EXTENSION SERVICE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB RECORD, the extension librarian, Ethel Bryce, lists in a column called "The Bookshelf" a number of books of special interest to boys, others for girls, and still others for younger folks. Some of these books she reviews in the column. A list of circulars and bulletins on various farm and home activities is also included.

Former club members attending Oregon Agricultural College staged a 4-H Club exhibit at a recent educational exposition held on the campus. Charts and other material showing progress and results of club work were shown with cups, medals, ribbons, and other trophies which had been won by Oregon Club members. One chart which attracted much attention compared club work in 1916, when there were 2,000 members and 40 per cent completed, with that of 1926, when there were 8,186 club members and 77 per cent completed.

To the best community 4-H club in South Carolina in 1926 is to be awarded shortly, a collection of books, one book for each club member, to form a sort of circulating library. As a club member finishes reading his book, he is to hand it to another, continuing until every member has read the entire collection.

A Little Out of the Ordinary

Traveling costumes of club girls coming to the intersession course for club girls at Alabama Polytechnic Institute will be scored for suitability. This has been a feature since 1924. It is not a competition, but each girl's score wins a certain number of points for the credit of her club. Hat, dress, shoes, and stockings, wrap if needed, and accessories are included.



A "ham and bacon" show was held during farmers' week at West Virginia University. Club boys from 6 counties competed. The prize ham weighed $26\frac{1}{2}$ pounds, the bacon $17\frac{1}{4}$ pounds, shown by Moletas Mason of Hardy County.

West Virginia club newspaper, "FOUR-H SUGGESTIONS," is conducting a column for clubs' social calendars. One in a recent paper is from the Happy Hustlers who schedule from one to two events each month, some just for club members and others for others in the community. The column sometimes gives suggestions for special events.

Yazoo County, Miss., is organizing a "Ten-Thousand-Dollar Pig Club." County Agent L. I. Jones plans to enroll enough club boys who will grow enough pigs to make a total of 500 club pigs in the county.

New Hampshire is working on a 4-H membership sign which can be placed in the window of a club member's home. A certificate is being prepared for local leaders who take the training courses provided by the extension service.

Members of the Prudence Island clothing club, Rhosé Island, are making booklets entitled "The Well-Dressed Girl." Pictures of clothes suited to the owner of the book are put into it and underneath each picture the club girl is to write the colors that would be best for herself.

Every 100-per-cent completion club in Wyoming is awarded a "Certificate of Honor" signed by the Governor, the president of the university, the director of extension, the State club agent, the county agent, and the local club leader. The colors are the gold and brown of the university, and an attractive 4-H clover-leaf design borders the charter.

Forty-three Crowley County, Colo., club members tried the sugar-beet business last year, with the possibility of winning money and trip prizes as a spur to high production efforts. The highest tonnage per acre was 29 tons and 192 pounds of beets, grown by Pete Rein, 13 years old.

Achievement pins, to be awarded Missouri club members for achievement in each club project up to as many as 10, have been designed by Missouri extension workers and are now ready to invite the 9,000 club members in the State to fresh endeavor.



Among Ourselves



Charles Potter, Montana State club leader (thinking about the national club camp): "How about chartering an airplane from the War Department?"

Speaking more seriously, he continues: "Our State program of work for 1927 carries the following goal--to have each county extension agent to enroll by 1930 12 per cent of the prospective club members in the county for a period of two years and to have an average completion of 85 per cent."

James H. Reynolds has been appointed assistant State club leader for New York beginning April 1. Mr. Reynolds was formerly county club agent in Livingston County, N. Y., did graduate work, and for the past three years has been teaching animal husbandry and dairying at the State school of agriculture, St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y.

H. C. Seymour, Oregon State Club leader, read of Kansas club members' radio programs in our second number, and writes: "In Oregon club members have been having their radio programs for the past year and a half. These are broadcast over the Oregon Agricultural College station, KOAC, each Monday night at 7.15. For the year previous to the opening of the Corvallis station, a program was given once each month over the "Morning Oregonian" station, KGW. Clubs send news items to be broadcast, and many clubs throughout the State hold meetings on Monday nights and listen in on these programs."

That harmonica item from Rhode Island (vol. 1, no. 2), struck a sympathetic chord in St. Louis County, Minn. Says the ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB NEWS,-- "That's fine, Rhode Island! We've been talking about mouth-organ bands in our county and some good ones have been organized already. We like to know that some one else thinks the idea is a good one. Next summer we are going to have some good contests at our county club camps."

The Little Mountaineer club of Monongalia County, W. Va., endorses the proposition set forth in the first number of the CLUB LEADER, that the 4-H Smile is "Big Medicine." These Little Mountaineers want to help build a county cottage at Jackson's Mill, the State 4-H camp. So they smiled their widest smiles, invited friends to do the same, measured the smiles and charged admission to a club entertainment at the rate of 5 cents per inch of smile, children at 1 cent an inch. The total of smiles added up to \$10 for the cottage fund. But everybody went home still giving smiles right and left, and can any of these crack accountants figure the net profits to Little Mountaineer community? Makes us smile to think of it!

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